

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21, 1880.

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Very respectfully
Horatio C. Birchard

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Sends for answer
letter from Secy Treasury
Asks explanation
of double arrow-heads
on Sub. Silver Coins
of 1874.

Recd 27th Sep. '80

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[Enclosed note:]

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